[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.]

Grade Gazetted	*No. of appointment*	*Expenditure up to 15th July 1943.* Rs. ch. c.
,, 75	1	
,, 60	1	
,, 50	6	
,, 40	7	
,, 30	4	
,, 25	30	
,, 24	42	
,, 22	59	
,, 20	57	
,, 18	68	
,, 10	7	
,, 9	112	
		30,671 15 12
Total		43,801 24 12

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Sir, May I know whether these special officers are working as a separate department or in conjunction with any other department?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: They are working under the Government in conjunction with the Land Revenue Department.

Evacuees.

184. ***MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR** (*Mavelikara cum Kunnatiur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they know definitely the number of Travancoreans who have returned from Malaya and Burma after the Japanese invasion of those countries;

(*b*) whether the Government have made any arrangement to give relief to the evacuees from those countries;

(*c*) the number of persons who are enjoying the benefits of these relief measures;

(*d*) the sort of relief afforded by the Government;

(*e*) whether the Government have any information about the Travancoreans who are still in those countries;

(*f*) whether the Government or British Government afford any relief to the families of those persons who could not escape from those countries; and

(*g*) the sort of relief, if any, given to them?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 249.

(*d*) Relief afforded by making lump payments to some, by advancing monthly allowances to others and by giving appointments to those who are duly qualified.

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(*e*) No information.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Concessions mentioned in (*d*) are extended to the families of persons stranded in enemy occupied countries.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : May I know the total number of evacuees in Travancore ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : Nearly 900.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : May I know the number who are employed in the service of Government ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : It has not been ascertained.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : May I know why the remaining are not receiving any benefit ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Either they may not have applied or even if they had applied they may have other sources of income.

Sealing of a room with paddy in Karthigapally.

185. *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Karthigapally Tahsildar had sealed a room of the house of Sahib Bahadur Kunnanacherril Vava, Thrikkunnapuzha pakuthi, Karthigapally taluk, discovering unaccounted paddy in the said room this year ; and

(*b*) whether a few days after, when the said room was opened, there was no paddy inside, but there was some fuel alone found instead of paddy ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Price of paddy.

186. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have decided to increase the price of paddy produced within the State ; and

(*b*) if not, the reason for not doing so ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The present price of paddy is considered to be reasonable.

Clerks in the Secretariat.

187. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Pulaya Hindu clerks in the Huzur Secretariat ; and

(*b*) the number of acting and permanent incumbents among them ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI ; (*a*) One.

(*b*) One (acting).

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